

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THACKER-GRIGSBY TELEPHONE)	
COMPANY TARIFF FILING TO)	
INCREASE LOCAL COIN TELEPHONE)	CASE NO. 8279
SERVICE RATES)	

O R D E R

On May 20, 1981, the Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company ("Thacker-Grigsby") filed a tariff with the Commission wherein it proposed to increase its local coin telephone rate from 10¢ to 25¢. The Commission staff requested certain additional information which has now been filed as a part of the record herein; and the matter is now considered to be submitted for final determination.

The Commission, having considered the matter and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) A hearing is not in the public interest, inasmuch as costs incurred during the hearing process would only increase Thacker-Grigsby's operating expenses and ultimately result in higher rates for its consumers.

(2) The rate proposed by Thacker-Grigsby for local coin telephone service would increase revenues by \$920 based on the year ended June 30, 1981.

(3) The revenue increase will not materially change the financial position of Thacker-Grigsby and will not unduly burden its consumers.

(4) The charge for local coin telephone service has remained unchanged for 25 years. During that time, plant costs and operating expenses throughout all areas of Thacker-Grigsby's operations have increased substantially. As a result of preserving the ten-cent rate during this period of ever increasing costs, the general ratepayers, through their monthly bills for basic telephone service, have been subsidizing the use of coin telephones. Further, an increase in coin telephone charges is an appropriate means of allocating a portion of the costs of this specific service to those for whom it is incurred.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

(1) Thacker-Grigsby's proposed rate for coin telephone service as set out in Appendix A, attached hereto, is hereby approved, effective on and after the date of this Order.

(2) Thacker-Grigsby shall within 30 days from the date of this Order file its revised tariff sheets setting out the rate approved herein.

(3) To insure all affected parties have the opportunity to express an opinion with respect to the approved rate if they so desire, Thacker-Grigsby shall, within ten days of the date of this Order, begin publishing, once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the community or communities affected, a notice setting forth the approved rate. Said notice shall also contain the following language:

After analyzing the information set forth in the application, the Commission has determined that the approved rate is fair, just and reasonable and, further, that the holding of a hearing in this matter would not be in the public interest as it would place additional costs on the utility and ultimately the ratepayer. However, if any customer desires to make a statement concerning the approved rate or request a hearing in this matter at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, he/she may do so by mailing the statement or request by August 15, 1981, to the Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. A copy of the information should also be provided to the Attorney General's Consumer Intervention Division.

(4) Thacker-Grigsby shall file with the Commission (with a copy to the Attorney General's Consumer Intervention Division) proof of publication of said notice.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the 9th day of July, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin W. York
Chairman

Katherine Randall
Vice Chairman

Don G. Harigan
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8279 DATED JULY 9, 1981.

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Thacker-Grigsby Telephone Company, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the date of this Order.

Public Telephone Service

Local messages are charged at the rate of twenty-five cents (25¢) each. Toll messages are charged at the telephone company's established toll rates.